

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1999  
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in special session on Monday, September 8, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present:	Boehning, Meyer, Phillips, Campbell Brown, Rhoda, Fisher, Smith, Probasco
Absent:	None

President Probasco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-34 (An Ordinance Appropriating Money for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses of Several Departments of the City Government of the City of Lafayette, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2000 and Ending December 31, 2000, Including the Outstanding Claims and Obligations and Fixing the Time When the Same Shall Take Effect) by title only for first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage of Ordinance 99-34, Councilman Phillips seconded. Mayor Heath thanked everyone for all of their assistance in the preparation of the budget. Mayor Heath stated that it would be tough to keep the tax rate at the current rate. Mayor Heath stated that there is work to be done to lower the budget. Bill Yazbec, City Controller, stated that department representatives were present if there were any questions. Mr. Yazbec highlighted several changes from the preliminary draft that was presented. Councilman Meyer had several questions regarding the Street Department. Councilman Meyer inquired about Cumulative Capital and Vinton Pool renovation expenditures. Councilman Meyer inquired about the published budget and how the budget would be funded. Mr. Yazbec explained that further cuts would be made to this budget before the second reading on the budget. Councilman Fisher inquired about the Economic Revitalization line item that was added. Mr. Yazbec stated that it was added because fees have been collected and there needed to be a line item in the budget in order to spend the money that has been collected. Councilman Brown inquired about the Parking Lot fund. Sherry McLauchlan, Community Development Director, stated that the line item was needed in the event that repairs are needed. Councilman Meyer inquired about the bond payments for the parking garage. Ms. McLauchlan stated that it is a revenue bond that is being paid from revenue from the garage. Councilman Rhoda inquired about increased funding for Park Department security. Mr. Yazbec stated that \$20,000 was added to the budget for additional Park Department security. Councilman Phillips asked about the Local Roads and Street line item and Mr. Yazbec stated that the State of Indiana determines that amount. Kent Schuette inquired about parking garage principal payments. Ms. McLauchlan explained that principal payments have been made from the revenues from the parking garage and from parking funds, not from tax dollars. Ordinance 99-34 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

President Probasco stated that there would be a public hearing on the budget on Monday, September 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. President Probasco stated that the budget would be considered for final passage at a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 29, 1999, with the October caucus meeting following the special meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Campbell moved for adjournment and Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion passed by voice vote. Time being 7:21p.m.

These minutes written by Lisa Decker, City Clerk

*A tape recording of this council meeting is maintained in the City Clerk's Office.*